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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kyoto Protocol of 1997 has come into effect, with US and Australia still refusing to be part of the accord;

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) the extent to which the developed countries have been complying with the Protocol by way of minimizing emission of Green House and sharing technology with developing nations; and

(d) the Government's response to the US and Australia's refusal to enter the accord?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Kyoto Protocol has come into force on 16 February 2005. Till date 148 Parties including India have ratified the Kyoto Protocol. The United States of America and Australia have so far, not ratified the Kyoto Protocol.

(c) The Kyoto Protocol prescribes quantified emission limitation / reduction targets for Annex-I (developed countries) Parties to the Protocol. Such developed country Parties have initiated actions to achieve their prescribed targets by the first commitment period of 2008-12. In addition many developed country Parties are also participating in an emission trading arrangement through the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) of the Kyoto Protocol and sharing technology with project sponsors in developing countries.

(d) India is of the view that all developed country Parties having qualified emission limitation or reduction commitments should fulfill their obligations under the Kyoto Protocol and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Non compliance of / refusal by any developed country Party to the Kyoto commitments is likely to affect adversely international efforts to address the climate change issue.